

April

Magic Lantern Society **NEWS**



Check These Out

Help us share information by using this newsletter. This publication will be published monthly and can be used by society members to inform others of upcoming events and other interesting items. Send those images and stories to Larry at designerlc@comcast.net

Hope to see you at the convention

Watch for next months issue featuring

- upcoming events
- more information about the convention
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Looking for Information

Want to help identify and provide information for a display at the Jacob Burns Film Center?

From: Julia Rosen

Hi Larry,

Our intern, Lauren Coppola, was doing research for us on Magic Lanterns and came across the Magic Lantern Society. I know she has spoken with you and sent out a DVD of the collection of Magic Lanterns that were donated to the Jacob Burns Film Center.

We will be putting these magic lanterns out on display and while we have some general information we are trying to get more specific information on this extensive collection. Have you had an opportunity to look at the DVD -- and is there any source that has more information on these?

We thank you for any insight you could provide.

Best Regards,

Julia Rosen

Office Manager

Coordinator of Volunteer and Internship Programs

Please contact Larry: designerlc@comcast.net and I will send you copies of the images and what information we have gathered so far. If you then send the information back to me I will forward to the Jacob Burns Film Center. In following issues of the e-publication I will publish what the society provided the film center. Check out the film center's web site.

www.burnsfilmcenter.org

Welcome New Members

March 2009

Kevin Wombold

Brooksville, OH

Mr. Wombold lives near Dayton and has a collection of National Cash Register (NCR) slides, many in original wood files. He first contacted the Society in the fall of 2009. NCR has a very interesting history of ML slides and programs, and the Dayton archives have an extensive collection of NCR slides. There is a website with historical information regarding their philosophy of “teaching through the eye”, traveling ML shows and wonderful images of ML slides at www.daytonhistory.org, specifically at <http://www.daytonhistory.org/archives/magiclantern.htm>.

If you are going to the Convention in Bloomington this Spring and have a little spare time, it sounds like the Dayton NCR archives might be worth a visit. Dayton is about a 3 hour drive from Bloomington.

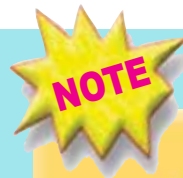


Gordon Smith

Floyds Knob, IN

Interests: Slides: Cave and caverns only; Literature.

Mr. Smith has registered to join us at our convention in Bloomington this May.



Convention Information

Some Highlights

- Nickelodeon Show
- Finding the Lost Lanternists
- Grand Optical Variety Show
- Key to Successful Showmanship
- Sales Room
- Auction
- Silent Film Screening

Just a reminder that a lot of the members will be congregating at the Marriott for the convention in May.

Suggestion

Book your reservation for the long term stay (5 nights) for the rate of \$85/night + tax. A lot better than \$139 + tax, for four nights.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bmgcy-courtyard-bloomington/>

Direct phone at Courtyard Marriott
(812)335-8000 or reservations 1-800-321-2211.

From: Steph Dillon, Sales Manager

asummerhouseinn.com

A Summerhouse Inn (Bloomington, IN) would like to offer the Magic Lantern Society and their guests an affordable rate of \$59 during your 2010 Convention, May 20-23. A Summerhouse Inn is a locally owned hotel, which prides itself on clean, comfortable, affordable accommodations. We believe we have a great facility for visitors with smaller budgets due to our large open courtyard, caring staff, outdoor pool, and fire pit.

Reservations can be made by calling 812-332-2141. We hope you'll pass this information along!

From the Members & Other Inquiries

For Sale

From: Dick Beards

(a relatively new member, see the March email newsletter)

Dick has 20 slides, black/white, American format (3-1/4 x 4) that he would like to sell. Asking price is \$60.00. He offers to bring them to the convention if someone is interested.

They are of seals, boats, hunters, costal views. One is titled "Early Alaska Fur Hunt"

From his note, (6) have cracks in the glass, one has damaged emulsion, some just need cleaning. "There are several very good views, one with the photographer - photographed (with tripod, etc.)"

From: Caroline Gaudet

Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 10:59 AM

To: Wells, Kentwood

Subject: The Bievres International Photo Fair

Dear Kentwood Wells,
I visit your website, and i think you or your reader would be interested to a photofair in France ?

The Bievres International Photo Fair will take place on June 5th and 6th, 2010 in Bièvres (near Paris, France).

For any further information, contact us or visit our website: www.foirephoto-bievre.com/

Many thanks

Best Regards

Caroline Gaudet

Communication Team

Inquiry from John Plotz

of Brandeis University plotz@brandeis.edu :

For a scholarly project that attempts to reconstruct a lantern-lecture that William Morris gave in October 1890 (and one that he saw Emery Walker give 15 November 1888) I am very interested in lantern slides that would show examples of pages from very early movable type books--ideally printed before 1500--or from manuscripts of the same period. (I also interested in any slides known to have belonged to Morris or to Walker....)

Gart Westerhout

Gart Westerhout from Japan will be joining us at the convention. Gart is an English Professor and Director of the Osugi Musical Theatre

Nice website to check out:

<http://www.osugimusictheatre.com>

We are...a community theatre group based in Komatsu, Ishikawa, Japan. We put on original musicals at home and abroad.

Question from new member

From: ross_ney@juno.com

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 7:17 AM

To: secretary-treasurer

Subject: Re: Lantern restoration

Hi Ron,

Attached is a picture of my lantern. It is from T. H. McAllister Optician in New York City. It has a complete (except for the lime) oxy-Calcium lamp. Any idea where to get a stick of unslaked lime? This had been repainted by an amateur and I would like to repaint it in a manner as close to original as possible. I have seen many that look like they were painted with a brush but can't believe this was the original means of finishing. I have spray painting experience (gun and compressor) or can use spray cans if that is preferable. Of course if brush on was the original finish, that would probably be even easier. I don't know if these were originally painted flat black (doubt it) or gloss. My best guess would be something in between. Any direction you can give me would be most helpful.

I have some catalogs from the 1890s but the pictures in them are more drawings than photographs and they don't tell me much about the finish. About all I am sure of is that this one was originally black.

Thank you for your time and expertise.

Respectfully,
Ross Ney



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More From the Members & Other Inquiries

Inquiry

From: Margery Matz

Ron Easterday writes, I have had an inquiry and been corresponding with Margery Matz of the Indianapolis, IN area. Margery has about 75 american format slides and a film projector that has a slide attachment. She would appreciate any information about the slides or lantern. Following is some information and attached are photos.

The Projector: Holmes Projector
Manufactured by The Holmes Projector Co
1632 N. Halsted St-Chicago U.S.A.
No. P 3564

Type Volts 110 Watts 100

Underwriters Laboratories Inspected

Motion Picture Machine

For use with Slow Burning Film

Consult with local inspection Authorities for
Requirements on installation and use No: M 7062



Slides:

I believe one is of the Fulton Steam Engine at the Worlds Fair in 1879. There are two that I would calculate to be around 1900 of Wall Street with the Trinity Church in the center background with people milling around and also one of the interior of the New York Stock Exchange. Several of mansions, possibly the Vanderbilt mansion and also the Armor residence in Chicago. There are several of what I would think are immigrants and could be at the old Mulberry Bend, New York, area and they resemble photos taken by Jacob Riis in the tenement neighborhood. There is a slide I previously mentioned, Women's Physical Culture Club Parading in the Red Square, that has some additional information actually on the slide. Underneath the imprinted title it also says "Games and sports are in vogue in Russia at present among both men & women" and also "Photograph by "Russ-Photo" is imprinted. Some slides have handwritten comments like "Cornelious Vanderbilt", "Goat carriage" or "working class family."



As Seen On



Watching magic lantern items on eBay can be very interesting and entertaining. Here are some items that seemed unique in price and approach. Others showed great research and resulted in a good return. While others showed a lack of research.

Mcintosh Stereopticon Co antique magic lantern lens

Ended: Nov 06, 2009 11:26:32 PST **No Bids**

Price: US \$8,000.00

Item location: Seville, OH, United States

I've got many emails wanting to buy these pieces since ending them but when I had them listed before NO-ONE made ONE BID. I am not giving them away to snipers. Since no-one wants to bid I've been forced to list them this way. I am not selling them off-line. All you have to do is make offers and I will review the offers or if you really want it and want the deal closed use the Buy it now feature...It doesn't pay to SNIPE!! I hate listing stuff like this but I feel I have no choice

This is a lens that was found right by the McIntosh stereopticon but the only name I see on it is "N. Power Co. Inc." on the slide mechanism. There are 2 lenses and one is cracked as seen in photo, other than that it looks very nice. It measures 12" wide by 4 3/4" tall and 3 1/4" deep. The lens diameter is 4 1/2" and the knobs are wooden. I will be listing a couple other pieces that may go with this that were found in the old attic next to this apparatus so check those out too. The home that these came out of were of a family that has lived there over 100 years and their great grandfather was big into early scientific and electrical inventions of the day. Sold as is and as seen due to age.

Thanks for looking!!!



Lantern Slide Convicts Sweeping Jamaica 1889 E Warrin

Bid history: 1 bid

Winning bid:

US \$79.99

Item location:

Albany, New York,
United States

Description:

Photographer:
Ernest Warrin, New
York Title:

Convicts Sweeping
the Streets

Date: 1889

Condition: Rich tonal image, original tapes show rubbing, glass could use light cleaning, photographer's label.

Uncommon view of Jamaican convicts sweeping the public streets. Ernest Warrin, New York photographer active during the late 1880's through the early 1900s. Elected a member of The Society of Amateur Photographers of New York in 1889, he was a very active member into the early 1900s. The February 27, 1890 New York Times reported:

"Mr. Ernest Warrin has recently returned from a trip to the West Indies, having secured a number of fine negatives, which the society will soon see on the screen, as Mr. Warrin is also an expert lantern-slide maker. His pictures of some of the odd characters to be seen in the streets will amuse the spectators, who will have an opportunity of seeing the work of the society at the entertainment to be held at the Chickering Hall (NYC) on the evening of Feb. 5."

There are quite a few references to Warrin over the years in the publication, The American Amateur Photographer and the NY Times noting his prowess with the lantern slide as well as his exceptional prints and compositions of New York and other views from around the world.



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More On



Art Deco / Art Nouveau Candle Lit Projector Camera Toy

Price: US \$38.00 Buy It Now

Item location: Armada, Michigan, United States

What a unique find! What it is I'm not exactly certain and giving it my best guess would say that this is a rare early camera or viewer which has impressed in its opening door an art deco (possibly art nouveau period) motif. I received an email with the following information, "Its a candle powered projector. the front lens is missing and the umbrella cap on the top is missing it acts as a chimney,- child's toy early 1900. Roy. Spy Camera museum." Directly across the glass circle on the side is a small hole 1/8 inch diameter which is original to the design. The four legs are in good condition and the gold paint is also under the gold painted leg, so may be original to the creation. There is wear and rust as you can see but overall is in pretty good condition. The glass circle has one chip by the edge and there is a slight dent in the lower back a little above the edge. This metal camera or viewer is approximately 8.5 inches (21.5 cm) in height, 3.25 inches (8.25 cm) depth, 5.75 (14.5 cm) width. Discovered in an antique shop in Iowa, no one at the time could tell me what this was but it was so interesting, I bought it. The first set of photographs are closer to the original charcol greyish-black paint on this item and the lighter photographs give a better look at the design.



CANARY MURDER CASE LOUISE BROOKS WILLIAM POWELL 1929

Dec 31, 2009

0 bids

Starting bid: US \$349.99

Item location:
pa, United States

Description

This is a RARE original vintage glass or lantern slide for the 1929 film The Canary Murder Case with Louise Brooks and William Powell. Very nice cond. Vibrant colors.



Another by same seller

NIGHT WORLD RARE 1932 MOVIE SLIDE BORIS KARLOFF

Dec 31, 2009

0 bids

Starting bid: US \$99.99

Item location:
pa, United States

Description

This is a RARE original vintage glass or lantern slide for the 1932 film Night World with Boris Karloff, Mae Clarke and Lew Ayres. Scratch mark on Mae Clarke's image. Otherwise, Good Plus Cond.



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LATE 19TH C WOOD & METAL MAGIC LANTERN

Mar 08, 2010

Bid history: 0 bids

Starting bid: US \$1,150.00

Shipping: \$50.00US

Item location: south wellfleet, MA, United States

Description

You are bidding on an unusually large magic lantern made of wood and metal. it appears to be totally in tact and in very good condition for a 100 year plus piece of photographic equipment. it has brass fittings, metal parts are painted brass with red paint on the base. the kerosene tank is in tact. i believe it is german in origin. the wooden base measures 17" long and 7" wide. it stands 10" high with 3 lenses in focus mechanism and reflector lens on the inside rear of lantern. it's a beaut! let the bidding start.



Obvious good subject matter

MAGIC LANTERN SLIDE ALASKA JUNEAU SHIP EARLY MORNING

Dec 31, 2009

Bid history: 8 bids

Final bid: us \$47.75

Item location: essex, massachusetts, united states

Description: we are listing over the next few months an extensive collection of magic lantern slides from a local estate. the slides are a wonderful source for original historical information. these original period photos can be developed and enlarged paper photos created from each slide. for the most part they are one of a kind images recording history at the moment the shutter clicked. once they are sold you will probably never see the image again. we will certainly combine shipping where appropriate. this one is titled: alaska juneau early morning



Size: 4 x 3 1/4 Age: 1900

Click on buttons to indicate your answers then
click check for answers button.

How Well do you know your society?

How many states are represented
by the membership?

15 18 22

What percentage of the members
give lantern shows?

23% 31% 43%

How many countries are represented
in the society?

8 15 10

How many libraries have the Gazette
in their collection?

5 7 12

How many visits in the month of February were
made to the society web site?

490 651 159

What was the visit duration?

0s—30s 30s—2mn 2mn—5m

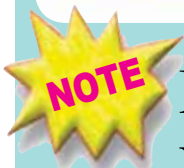
If you haven't seen this on the internet check this out!



www.doombuggies.com/secrets_graveyard.php
be sure to scrool down their web page



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Meeting Sunday Noon April. 25

Ron and Dorothy Easterdays

Please bring salad or dessert for pot luck.

Remember those show and tells.

Please RSVP Ron and Dorothy at rlasterday@embarqmail.com or 360-394-8223

Other Dates to remember

Friday, April 30 at Fort Steilacoom Historical Museum, Childrens Slide Coloring

Saturday, May 1 at Puyallup Fair Grounds, Camera Show

Quick summary of the meeting Feb. 27th
at Mike and Sharon Koch's. Present were Alice
Koch, Shel Izen, Larry Cederblom, Betty and
John Potter, Ron Easterday, Ralph Shape,
Michael Lawlor, Mike and Sharon.

A new display was shown that has been used
during the shows at the Bremerton Community
Theater and will be used at other Group NW
showings.

There were discussions of the up coming con-
vention and possible presentation by by Rob Ray
about the Peabody Collection at San Diego State.

Some great eats and show and tell also made the
meeting enjoyable.